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DIARY NOTES

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18 December 1961

1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. The proposed book that Mr. Cornelius Ryan plans to write on General Donovan and the OSS was discussed. Mr. McCone did not favor this proposal at all but was not too sure that it could be stopped completely at this point in time. [REDACTED] said that he had turned over this matter to Larry Houston to see what could be worked out. Mr. McCone indicated that he wanted to act very quickly on this and that he was inclined to stop it if he could without a major flap.

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b. Mr. McCone discussed the question of the position of the Director and the Deputy Director in the Executive Hierarchy. He felt that the Director should be at the Cabinet level and the Deputy Director should rank with the Under Secretary of State and the Under Secretary of Defense. It was explained to him that the Executive Branch planned to put in a new Executive Pay Bill next year and that this would be the appropriate vehicle to get something accomplished. However, he said that he preferred to put it in as a Rider on an Appropriations Bill and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to look into this without delay.

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c. I reported on the performance of CIA personnel at the Jungle [REDACTED] Everyone was interested and pleased. Mr. McCone queried whether we were going to continue this School, and I told him that we did plan to continue with it.

d. I announced that it would be necessary to postpone the move to the new building scheduled to begin in early January until about the first week in February.

e. I reported on the results of the UGF and PSAS Drives and pointed out that our total contributions and the average contribution per employee was a little less than last year.

f. I also reported that it was virtually impossible to work out any parking arrangement at the Department of State but that we would publish what had to be done in order to park at the Department in a Relocation Bulletin. I suggested that the real solution would be to park in a public lot and bill the Agency for the charge.

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g. [REDACTED] reported that the Scientific, Technical and Intelligence Report prepared by the Coordination Staff had been completed and was ready for consideration by USIB. Inasmuch as the other Directors had not seen this report, and General Cabell was emphatic that he did not want to see a copy, it was passed to the three Deputy Directors with the request that they telephone their comments to Gen-[REDACTED]

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2. I briefed Emmett Echols on the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the relief of [REDACTED] as I understood them. I also told him that I wanted to move very quickly in assigning [REDACTED] to the Office of Personnel and that if he could not figure out some place within the Office of Personnel for [REDACTED] I would arrange something within the DD/S Area.

3. Emmett gave me a brief rundown on his trip to the Far East, significant points of which follow:

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a. [REDACTED] - Emmett said that [REDACTED] did not look to [REDACTED] on personnel matters but, in fact, did look to [REDACTED]. He felt strongly that the position of a Personnel Officer should be retained and said that [REDACTED] agreed.

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b. [REDACTED] - He thought that the caliber of people there left something to be desired but recognized that under the assignment policies and the prohibition of taking families, there probably was nothing that could be done about this. He said that [REDACTED] was doing an outstanding job as Chief of Support and that Bill had asked him to tell me he felt he probably would have one more assignment prior to his retirement and that he would be highly pleased if this could be on active duty in a military capacity somewhere.

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c. [REDACTED] - Emmett thought that the show [REDACTED] was good and that [REDACTED] was doing a good job. Under the present schedule George and [REDACTED] the Operations Officer, are due to come back next summer. I told Emmett that we planned to extend George; therefore, he was no problem. Emmett said that George wanted to emphasize that his successor should be strong and entirely acceptable to the Deputy Director (Plans); otherwise, the job would be likely to deteriorate into a headquarters commandant type with the Operations Officer calling all the signals. (Emmett thought there was a little power struggle going on at the moment between [REDACTED]. However, he did not think that there was anything we should be concerned about here.) Emmett was concerned about the Area Engineer who seemed to be worried about the magnitude of his responsibilities and wanted to come home. I asked him to pass this on to Jim Garrison without delay.

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4. I approved of Ed Saunders taking annual leave the last week in December and the first week in January.

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6. Ed advised me that he had received a call from [REDACTED] who wanted to be briefed on the Robert Allen and Paul Scott column. I gave him Colonel Grogan's memorandum on his conversations with Allen and Scott and told him to contact me again before briefing Sam.

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7. Shaf Edwards and several of his people were in to brief me on the fire protection system for the Langley building. (Later in the day I went down to the office of the Captain of the Guard and saw the console which monitors and controls this system. I thought that it was very good and was satisfied that it would work. There was a minor technicality in that the Government has not yet accepted the system. However, I was assured by the GSA Engineer on the job that he had tested the system and that it would work. I was quite impressed with the console arrangement and the central control system. While there I also looked at the security monitoring system for all the vaults and other secure areas. (There are 239 of them in the building.) I was satisfied that this would be an excellent system when it was completed.)

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11. In connection with Emmett Echols's report on his trip to the Far East, he apparently was not overly impressed with [REDACTED] performance; in fact, he said that so far as he could figure out Rex did not have very much to do. The belief that Rex is not turning in a very outstanding performance was, of course, shared by Shef Edwards in his report of a few days ago.

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